



# ***INSIGHTS***

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## I. WEEKLY SUMMARY

### HOUSE

The House is in recess until April 23.

### SENATE

The Senate is in recess until April 23.

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## II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

### HOUSE

#### Comments or Action Items

*No new information of interest to report.*

### SENATE

#### Comments or Action Items

*No new information of interest to report.*

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## III. NEW LEGISLATION

## IV. ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

**INSIGHTS** is prepared expressly for the Department of Energy's Office of Federal Energy Management Programs (FEMP). The purpose of **INSIGHTS** is to provide FEMP management staff with timely information on legislative activities relevant to the program. **INSIGHTS** is prepared for FEMP by Energetics, Incorporated, (202) 479-2748.

**DOE Update on California Energy Situation** Last week, Secretary Abraham wrote to members of Congress and the State Legislature of California to provide an update on the Administration's actions regarding the California energy situation. In his letter, Secretary Abraham said:

It is important to note that this crisis is a supply crisis. Simply put, the principal problem and thus the proper focus of our attention – should be on the problems of the blackouts and shortages. Proposed solutions that do not either lead to increased supply or reduced demand will not go to the core problems confronted in the West. Thus, the Administration has taken a number of actions to support California in its efforts to address critical supply issues.

In his letter, Secretary Abraham lists in chronological order, actions taken by the new Administration including recent meetings with energy suppliers and experts from the electric utility industry. To review this list of actions, refer to the DOE press release at <http://www.energy.gov/HQPress/releases01/aprpr/pr01053.html>.

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## V. HEARINGS SCHEDULE

### HOUSE – APPROPRIATIONS

*No hearings of interest to FEMP have been scheduled.*

### HOUSE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

*No hearings of interest to FEMP have been scheduled.*

### SENATE – APPROPRIATIONS

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
April 24 – Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies	Conrad Burns (R/MT)	Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the Department of Interior	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 138 Dirksen Office Building
April 25 – Subcommittee on Defense	Jerry Lewis (R/CA)	Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the Department of Defense	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 192 Dirksen Office Building
April 25 – Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education ( <b>NEW</b> )	Arlen Specter (R/PA)	Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the Department of Health and Human Services	TBA	9:00 a.m. Room 124 Dirksen Office Building
April 25 – Subcommittee on Defense ( <b>NEW</b> )	Ted Stevens (R/AK)	Hearing - Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the Department of the Army	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 192 Dirksen Office Building
April 25 –	Thad Cochran	Hearing – Proposed FY	TBA	1:30 p.m.

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies	(R/MS)	2002 budget estimates for the Department of Agriculture		Room 138 Dirksen Office Building
May 1 – Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development	Pete Domenici (R/NM)	<b>Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimate for DOE’s energy efficiency, renewable energy, science, and nuclear energy programs</b>	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 124 Dirksen Office Building
May 2 – Subcommittee on Veterans’ Administration, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies	Christopher Bond (R/MO)	<i>Budget Overview</i> – proposed FY 2000 Budget estimates for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 138 Dirksen Office Building
May 8 – Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies	Conrad Burns (R/MT)	<i>Hearing</i> – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the Department of Energy	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 124 Dirksen Office Building
May 9 – Subcommittee on Veterans’ Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies	Christopher Bond (R/MO)	<i>Hearing</i> – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the National Aeronautic and Space Administration	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 138 Dirksen Office Building
June 13 – Subcommittee on Veterans’ Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies	Christopher Bond (R/MO)	<i>Hearing</i> – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the Environmental Protection Agency	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 138 Dirksen Office Building

## SENATE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

*No hearings of interest to FEMP have been scheduled.*

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